

**Central Falls School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes**

August 29, 2006

I. Call to Order:

The Central Falls School Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairperson, Ms. Anna Cano-Morales.

Present were: Ms. Anna Cano-Morales, Chairperson

Mr. Angelo Garcia, Vice-Chairperson

Ms. Mary Lou Perez, clerk

Ms. Ana Cecilia Rosado

Ms. Sonja Rodrigues-Carr

Mr. David Cruise

Absent: Mr. Jhomphy Ventura

II. Executive Session: Pursuant to Chapter 42-46-5 (a) 1& 2 of the RIGL. (Personal)(Collective Bargaining)(Grievance) and (Litigation)

Mr. David Cruise made a motion to move to Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 42-46-5 (a) 1 & 2 of the RIGL (Personnel) (Collective Bargaining) (Grievance) and (Litigation) at 7:07 p.m.,

seconded by Ms. Ana Cecelia Rosado. A roll call vote was taken and so it was voted 6-0 in favor of the motion.

III. Public Meeting Reconvened:

Mr. Angelo Garcia made a motion to reconvene to public session at 7:43pm, seconded by Sonia Rodrigues-Carr, a roll call vote was taken and so it was voted 6-0 in favor of the motion.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Mary Perez had asked that the approval of the minutes for August 15 be tabled until the next board meeting due to the restrictive time it took to get them ready for today's meeting. Mr. Angelo Garcia made a motion to table the minutes until the next board meeting, seconded by Mr. David Cruise, and so it was voted 6-0 in favor of the motion.

V. Personnel Matters:

a. Resignations: The following staff submitted letters of resignation.

Sidney Okishige has resigned from her position as Reading Specialist after one year of service, effective August 19, 2006.

b. Appointments:

Dr. Holland made recommendations that the Board of Trustees give consent to the following appointments:

Patricia Moreno has accepted the position of Executive Assistant of the Superintendent of Schools effective September 7, 2006. Ms. Moreno is not only a resident of Central Falls but is a graduate of our high school. She has a certificate in secretarial studies from CCRI and has numerous years experience in the secretarial field.

Danielle Cobb has accepted the position of .68 Art, district wide. Ms. Cobb is a 2005 graduate of the Univ. of New Hampshire and was employed as a long term substitute for the Bristol Warren School Department.

Joshua LaPlante accepted the position of ESL Biology/Science at the high school. Mr. LaPlante graduated from URI in 1998 and PC with his Masters degree in 2004. Josh has been a teacher at Prout School since 1999.

Dale Dearnley has accepted the temporary position as a Biology/Science teacher at Jump Start Academy. Ms. Dearnley is a graduate of URI (1995) and Brown University (2002) with her Master's degree.

Katherine Bellows has accepted a position at Calcutt Middle School as an English teacher. Ms. Bellows recently graduated from RIC, she student taught at Metcalf School in Exeter.

Heather Nadeau accepted the ESL Math position at Calcutt Middle School. Ms. Nadeau graduate from RIC in January and was assigned as a long term substitute at Gallagher Middle School in Smithfield.

Ms. Ana Cecilia Rosado made a motion to approve the resignation and appointments collectively, seconded by Mr. Angelo Garcia, so it was unanimously approved 6-0.

VI. New Business:

a. Budget Revision 06-07

Dr. Holland had discussed the budget revision and informed the board the process that he took to make necessary adjustments. Dr. Holland met with staff and the principals to look at ways of rescheduling. Money will be redistributed accordingly. The out of district enrollment has also been looked at. Looked at redistricting of students. We looked at positions not filled. Three coaches were placed back into classroom setting and will create an instructional model. Dr. Holland will meet with state on Sept 18th to show where the budget is at and ask for a supplemental appropriation. We are currently under the 1 million mark. With the help of the rescheduling and reprogramming we were able to make reasonable adjustments. Ms. Ana Cano Morales had added that she has seen other cities go through cut backs and seeing athletic programs terminated and even schools being closed and that she is grateful that this district has

worked together to make this work.

VII. Public Comments:

Mrs. Morales had asked if anyone from the public wishing to address the board may do so at this time. There was none.

IV. Adjournment:

Ms. Ana Cecilia Rosado made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm, seconded by Mr. David Cruise, and so it was voted 6-0 in favor of the motion.